

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the pending application is respectfully requested on the basis of the following particulars.

1. In the claims

As shown in the foregoing LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS, the claims have been amended to more clearly point out the subject matter for which protection is sought.

A. Claim amendments

Claims 1, 2, 5, 7, 8, 12, and 13 are amended with minor clarifying changes. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added as the changes merely provide minor clarifying corrections, and do not recite any additional features.

Claims 3, 6, and 9-11 are left unchanged.

Entry of the LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS is respectfully requested in the next Office communication.

B. Rejection of claims 1-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 second paragraph

Reconsideration of this rejection is respectfully requested, in view of the amendments to the claims, on the basis that the amended claims are clear and definite.

With regard to claim 1, the method claim has been rewritten to include a preamble reciting structure with which the method can be performed, and specific method steps.

Additionally, antecedent basis is provided for the respective outlets and the memory recited in claim 1.

With regard to claim 2, clarification is provided by the recitation of providing at least one given control order, which clarifies that this is a different control order than is recited in amended claim 1, which control orders in amended claim 1 are not actually provided, but are merely recited as the basis for assessment thereof and for assigning a score thereto, once such control orders are actually provided, as is recited in claim 2.

Additionally, proper antecedent basis for the recitations of the compressors and the rotational speed is also provided.

With regard to claim 3, the language recited therein is found directly from page 10, lines 16-24, and thus, it is respectfully submitted that the claim is not inconsistent with the specification. Additionally, it is not the *pressure* that is increased or reduced, but rather the *flow* which is increased or decreased, which change in flow does affect the pressure such that an increase in flow will reduce the pressure while a decrease in flow will increase the pressure.

Claim 5 is amended to clarify antecedent basis of the most favorable control order and to clarify the relation between the control orders and the scores.

Additionally, in claim 5, the phrase “concerned with” has been deleted and replaced with “having the highest score assigned thereto.”

Antecedent basis has been provided for each element or feature recited in amended claims 7 and 8.

Claim 12 is amended to provide antecedent basis for each recited feature and to remove any apparent double inclusions.

Claim 13 is amended to remove any apparent double inclusions and to recite two or more compressors consistent with amended claim 1. It is noted that claim 13 positively recites the compressed air installation, while the method of claim 1 recites features of the compressed air installation in the preamble of the method claim.

In view of the amendments to the claims, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-13 are clear and definite, and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

2. Allowable subject matter

The applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication that claims 1-13 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the formal rejections of the claims. Accordingly, the

claims have been amended, as discussed above, to comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112 second paragraph.

3. Conclusion

As a result of the amendment to the claims, and further in view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that every pending claim in the present application be allowed and the application be passed to issue.

Please charge any additional fees required or credit any overpayments in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 02-0200.

If any issues remain that may be resolved by a telephone or facsimile communication with the applicant's attorney, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the numbers shown below.

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